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March 19, 2021

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips:

**Preliminary Screening Determination: Addition of the
MacKay Lakes O-80 well (WID1866) to Operations Authorization OA-2020-001-PAR**

On February 22, 2021, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) issued direction to Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount) regarding Paramount's proposed plan for the abandonment of all of Paramount's suspended wells and associated facilities in OROGO's jurisdiction. As part of this direction, OROGO also included a schedule for submission of applications to ensure approvals are in place before abandonment work can be conducted.

OROGO noted that the most efficient approach would be to include the MacKay Lakes O-80 well (WID 1866) in the scope of OA-2020-001-PAR. Therefore, I am varying OA-2020-001-PAR to include the abandonment of the MacKay Lakes O-80 well.

On December 4, 2020, I determined that the activities originally proposed under OA-2020-001-PAR are exempt from preliminary screening as per Schedule 1, Paragraph 2.1 of the Exemption List Regulations under the MVRMA, as they were previously subject to preliminary screening by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) under Land Use Permit MV2013A0012 and Water License MV2013L1-0002.

The abandonment of the MacKay Lakes O-80 well was permitted by the MVLWB under Land Use Permit MV2020A009, which was deemed exempt from preliminary screening by the MVLWB.

Therefore, I have determined that adding the MacKay Lakes O-80 well to OA-2020-001-PAR is also exempt from preliminary screening as per Schedule 1, Paragraph 2.1 of the Exemption List Regulations under the MVRMA.

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Please contact me at (867) 767-9097 or by email at orogo@gov.nt.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pauline de Jong', written in a cursive style.

Pauline de Jong
Regulator

- c. John Hawkins, Director Asset Management, Paramount Resources Ltd.
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